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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALL ON HIM TODAY FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA SAID THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT HE SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER WITH REGARD TO LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SECRETARY AND WOULD GO TO WASHINGTON TOWARD THE END OF NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS WITH HIM IN DEPTH THE EIGHT POINTS INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE AGENDA. HE FURTHER STRONGLY URGED THAT ANY DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY AND PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TACK BE MADE AT THE TIME OF THE MEXICO CITY MEETING OF HEMISPHERE FOREIGN MINISTERS. RABASA SAID THIS WOULD ENHANCE THE MEXICO CITY MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING HIS WASHINGTON STOPOVER RABASA SAID HE WOULD JOIN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA IN EUROPE AND ADDED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO MEXICO FROM BELGRADE ON THE 15TH, A DAY OR SO BEFORE ECHEVERRIA, TO PREPARE FOR THE CONFERENCE.

3. INCIDENTALLY, AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DAY
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RECEPTION, SOVIET AMBASSADOR (AND LATER POLISH

AMBASSADOR) APPROACHED CHARGE CONCERNING REPORTS
HE HAD HEARD OF POSSIBLE VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER
TO MEXICO AT END OF THIS MONTH IN ORDER "TO CONFER
WITH MR. RABASA ABOUT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S
EUROPEAN TRIP." CHARGE RESPONDED THAT WE HAD HOPED
THAT SECRETARY COULD SPEND BRIEF HOLIDAY AT MEXICAN
RESORT AS HE HAD DONE PREVIOUSLY BUT THAT SUCH VISIT
SEEMED DOUBTFUL IN LIGHT OF SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIPS
TO MIDDLE EAST AND PRESSURE OF CURRENT BUSINESS.
CHARGE ADDED THAT IN ANY CASE, SHOULD THE TWO MEN MEET,
IT WOULD LOGICALLY BE TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE
FEBRUARY MEETING IN MEXICO CITY OF HEMISPHERE FOREIGN
MINISTERS.
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